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REMARKS

IDS

The previously filed IDS was considered in its entirety by the Examiner *except* for reference 5, Stevens, 6,021,479, published on February 1, 2000. Applicant has submitted a new Form 1449 with just this reference. Applicant requests that the Examiner indicate his consideration of this previously indicated reference via initialing and return of the Form 1449.

Co-pending applications

Applicant has amended the specification to update the status of the co-pending applications.

Claims 1-9

Claim 1 is an independent claim, from which claims 2-9 depend. The Examiner has objected to claim 6 as reciting patentable subject matter, and which would be allowed if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 6 directly depends from claim 1. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6, and has cancelled claim 6. Claims 7-8, which previously depended from claim 6, have been amended to instead depend from claim 1. Applicant submits that claims 1-5 and 7-9 are now in allowable form.

Claims 10-22

Claims 10-22 have been allowed by the Examiner.

Conclusion

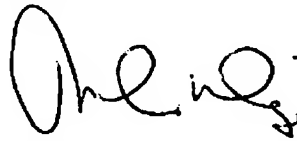
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Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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